

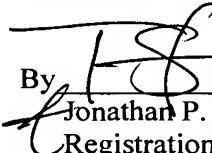
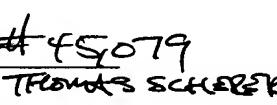
REMARKS

No substantive changes have been made in this Preliminary Amendment. Rather, the Applicant has revised the claim set to remove multiple dependencies. No new matter has been added by way of the claim amendments. Applicant has further added the Abstract to the body of the Specification.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this amendment. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0591, under Order No. 11345/077001 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw. Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

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